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In Re Application Of: **Donald A. Ice**

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10/638,982	August 12, 2003	Hung Thanh Nguyen	022913	2841	6290

Invention: **FUNCTIONAL MODULE WITH CARD GUIDE ENGAGEMENT FEATURE**

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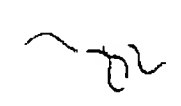
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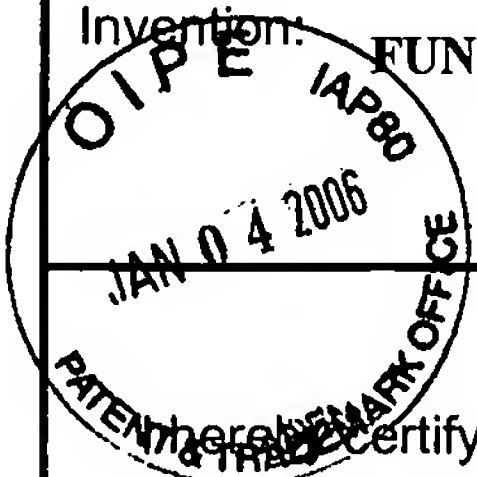
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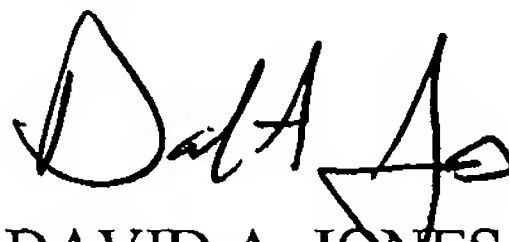
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U.S. Patent Documents

<u>Examiner Initial*</u>	<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
____ 1	6,661,673	12/2003	Brooks et al.
____ 2	6,198,633	03/2001	Lehman et al.
____ 3	6,008,995	12/1999	Pusateri et al.
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### **References Cited by Applicants**

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